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Re: Comments on List of Candidates for Science Advisory Board Panel to Review EPA's Draft Science Synthesis Report on the Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters

Dear Dr. Armitage:

The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) submits the following comments on the List of Candidates posted on the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) website to be considered for the SAB Panel to review EPA's Draft Science Synthesis Report on the Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters (Draft Report). NSSGA represents the crushed stone, sand and gravel-or construction aggregates-industries. Our member companies produce more than 90% of the crushed stone and 70% of the sand and gravel consumed annually in the United States. Two billion metric tons of aggregates were produced in 2012 at a value of approximately \$17.4 billion, contributing \$40 billion to the GDP of the United States. The aggregates industry workforce is made up of about 110,500 men and women. Every \$1 million in aggregate sales creates 19.5 jobs, and every dollar of industry output returns \$1.58 to the economy.

NSSGA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the members of this very important panel. NSSGA urges the SAB to select experts with significant technical and in-the-field experience. The Draft Report has wide ranging implications for many sectors of our nation's economy and NSSGA, including determining how the agencies will identify waters to be protected under the Clean Water Act. Moreover, EPA has indicated that it will rely on the Draft Report, once finalized, in the field. Therefore, it is of critical importance that the panel be well positioned to evaluate the impact of the conclusions and analysis contained in the Draft Report as they will play out on the ground.

NSSGA recommends the following individuals for selection on the SAB panel:

- (1) Dr. Michael Josselyn
- (2) Mr. Frank Corkhill
- (3) Mr. Tony Bomkamp

- (4) Mr. Ben Parkhurst
- (5) Mr. Mark Murphy
- (6) Mr. Kenneth Passarella
- (7) Mr. Robert Pierce

Thank you for considering these comments. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela J. Whitted", written in a cursive style.

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